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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**-MEDIA ASSISTANCE REQUESTED-**

**DEQ TO CONDUCT WATER SURVEY ON  
BAYOU SEGNETTE**

(Baton Rouge)- The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is providing notice that a survey will be conducted on Bayou Segnette, Westwego La., from the Lapalco Boulevard bridge to the Intracoastal Waterway beginning on Tuesday, September 24, 2002 and ending on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

Rhodamine WT, a non-toxic, bright red dye will be injected into the water and residents should not be alarmed, as this is a nontoxic dye only. Citizens may notice a red coloration of the water near the point of injection. This dye is used to trace a particular observable pattern within the water body itself for sampling purposes.

The sampling is part of DEQ's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program that identifies waters that are not meeting water quality standards. TMDLs are used as a basis for establishing wastewater discharge limits and goals for non-point source controls. The agency strives to protect the waters of the state through testing and setting scientifically appropriate water quality standards.

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